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METRO/SDL

In the news

Car crash
Authorities are investigating the cause of a crash involving a tractor trailer and an overturned dump truck that shut down eastbound traffic on the Schuylkill Expressway for four hours yesterday. The accident happened near the Conshohocken Curve around 11:30 a.m. The roadway was closed as crews got the dump truck upright and cleared debris and fuel. No injuries were reported. METRO/SDL

Get your fingers out, seniors

HARRISBURG. Applicants for a long-term care facility or home health care agency will be subject to electronic fingerprinting starting June 4.

The new requirement from the state Department of Aging is intended to speed up the background check process by weeks and move to a state-of-the-art system, officials said. The process will include a criminal history report and FBI background check.

Cogent Systems, a company that provides services for several other state departments, will handle the fingerprinting. The background check requirement is part of the Older Adults Protective Services Act. METRO/SDL

Bomb threat evacuates courthouse

DELAWARE COUNTY. Employees were evacuated from the Delaware County Courthouse yesterday due to a brief bomb scare.

The original threat was reportedly called in on Memorial Day, but the caller made a second threat yesterday, prompting the evacuation. Employees were allowed to return to the building around 1 p.m. The investigation into the threat is ongoing. METRO

Gunfire leaves 12-year-old wounded

DELAWARE COUNTY. Police in Darby identified two men for allegedly exchanging gunfire Monday evening that left a 12-year-old girl injured and hospitalized at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, reports said.

Tahtiana Diggs was struck after police believe a fistfight about drugs became a shootout between two men. Joshua Singleton, 22, and Lynnette Crawford, 35, were the alleged shooters, according to reports. METRO

Where you find affluence, infidelity tends to follow

That's what the man behind a website notorious for promoting adultery has found Membership is highest in places like Main Line, Old City, Fox Chase

After 10 years establishing itself as the infidelity destination on the Internet, AshleyMadison.com has finally built enough of a membership — a whopping 210,000 members in the Philadelphia region alone — that it has now begun identifying the neighborhoods most likely to cheat.

And like many other urban areas across the United States, some of Philadelphia's most affluent neighborhoods and areas have the highest percentage of AshleyMadison members. The top of the list: the Main Line.

Generally thought of as home to the region's most bucolic streets and most successful residents, almost 3 percent of all adults on the Main Line have a profile on AshleyMadison, the company told Metro yesterday.

"Just like in other cities, there is a correlation between affairs and affluence," website founder Noel Biderman said in an interview, noting that many affluent neighborhoods have women who work, raising the percentage of female members. "Those people (with wealth) not only usually are type A people and born to take risks, but they're also in environments that remove them from the families for business. And they have many temptations thrown at them."

"You'll find in city after city, affluent areas will have higher rates of infidelity."
NOEL BIDERMAN, CEO AND FOUNDER OF ASHLEYMADISON.COM

After the Main Line, the Philadelphia region's list includes: Old City, Huntington Valley, Fox Chase, Chestnut Hill/Germantown, Washington Square West, Fairmount, Northern Liberties, Manayunk and Center City.

Since 2002, the website has grown to nearly 15 million members worldwide.

He said working women continue to push the female membership higher. "The female ratio has been the faster growing of the two [sexes]."

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Website for old men and women

Two of the most intriguing — head-scratching? — findings when delving into the demographics of AshleyMadison members are the growing number of young women and the huge discrepancy between male and female senior citizens.

The site, which touts itself as "the world's fastest growing paying social network" and claims 14.8 million followers, says it has 20,000 male members over 70 years old. Yet not a single member is a woman over 70.

At the same time, the male-to-female ratio for members under 30 has now reached one-to-one, Biderman said.
METRO/BXM

Sports. Rugby

▶ Temple and Notre Dame Rugby 7's teams took over the plaza of the Comcast Center yesterday afternoon.

RICARD LARMA/METRO

Temple joins NCAA's scrum for title

Sixteen of the nation's premiere collegiate rugby teams will meet this weekend at the USA 7's Collegiate Rugby Championship (CRC) at PPL Park in Chester. The tournament features 16 elite college teams competing in 38 matches over two days. Participating teams for the CRC have been chosen based on their quality of rugby and fan following. Penn State and Temple are among the competing teams. METRO/BXM

Lynn testified for third day in abuse trial

PHILADELPHIA. Monsignor William Lynn again insisted that he was powerless in removing pedophile priests from their posts during the third day of cross-examination in the landmark priest sex-abuse trial.

Lynn, the former secretary of clergy, is charged with endangering the welfare of children. He claimed that he followed orders from his superiors, including Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua.

Earlier in the day, the judge denied a motion by the attorneys for Lynn and co-defendant Rev. James Brennan to dismiss a charge.
METRO/SDL

"I did much more than had been done before I got there."
MONSIGNOR WILLIAM LYNN

Push to get women on governing boards

By the numbers

41
Percent of boards at Philadelphia's Top 100 public companies that have no female directors at all.

40
Percent of board seats in Norway that must be held by women. Spain passed the standard, which companies are mandated to achieve by 2015.

75
Percent of consumer purchasing decisions in the country are controlled by women.

84
Percent higher return on sales seen by companies with three or more female board directors than those with none.

Sources: Greater Philadelphia Board Index; Melonease Shaw; Forum of Executive Women

"I knew it was bad, but I didn't realize it was this bad until I heard the testimony."
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN, WHO IS LEADING TO REWORK THE CITY'S ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PLAN REGARDING THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN BOARDROOMS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Before starting her own business solutions company, Melonease Shaw was chief operating officer of a large outsourcing firm but the board of directors remained out of reach.

"I worked extremely hard in this position and made substantial sacrifices," the Philadelphian said yesterday. "However, as my male counterparts were being promoted, it was clear that my ability to pursue the leading executive positions within the company would not materialize because I was a woman."

The story seems straight out of the 1970s, but it was presented at a City Council hearing yesterday as part of a litany of anecdotal and statistical data on the lack of women serving on executive boards in the city. Even though women account for almost 53 percent of the city's 1.5 million citizens, only 11 percent of those serving on the city's 100 largest companies' governing boards are female. Out of the city's top 45 companies, about 65 of 442 board members are women.

And that still lags behind the national average of female board members, with 16 percent at Fortune 500 companies. In fact, American women are far more likely to become victims of domestic violence — 25 percent will be abused at some point in their lifetime — than to work in a boardroom.

And, without some sort of government intervention, the figures don't seem likely to change anytime soon. The percentage has inched up at a "glacial" pace of just 11 percent over the past 35 years, according to editor James Kristie of the trade journal Board of Directors. "Projections are that at this rate of incremental progress it will be another 60 to 70 years before any semblance of parity is achieved on corporate boards," he said.

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Balance better for business

Representatives from a variety of sectors stressed that, aside from fulfilling diversity goals, executive boards with a balanced number of women simply make for better business.

"Effective boards have representation of their customers, employees and shareholders," said senior VP of Citizens Bank, Irene Hannan. "To exclude women from the ranks of directors is to limit the success of the company."

She pointed to a study from nonprofit research firm Catalyst that concluded companies with female board members far outperform those in which women are underrepresented.

"The value can be easily stated," said president and CEO of WHYY, Bill Marrazzo. "Women bring to the organization a diverse point of view that generally isn't found in organizations which only have men in senior leadership positions or on their boards."

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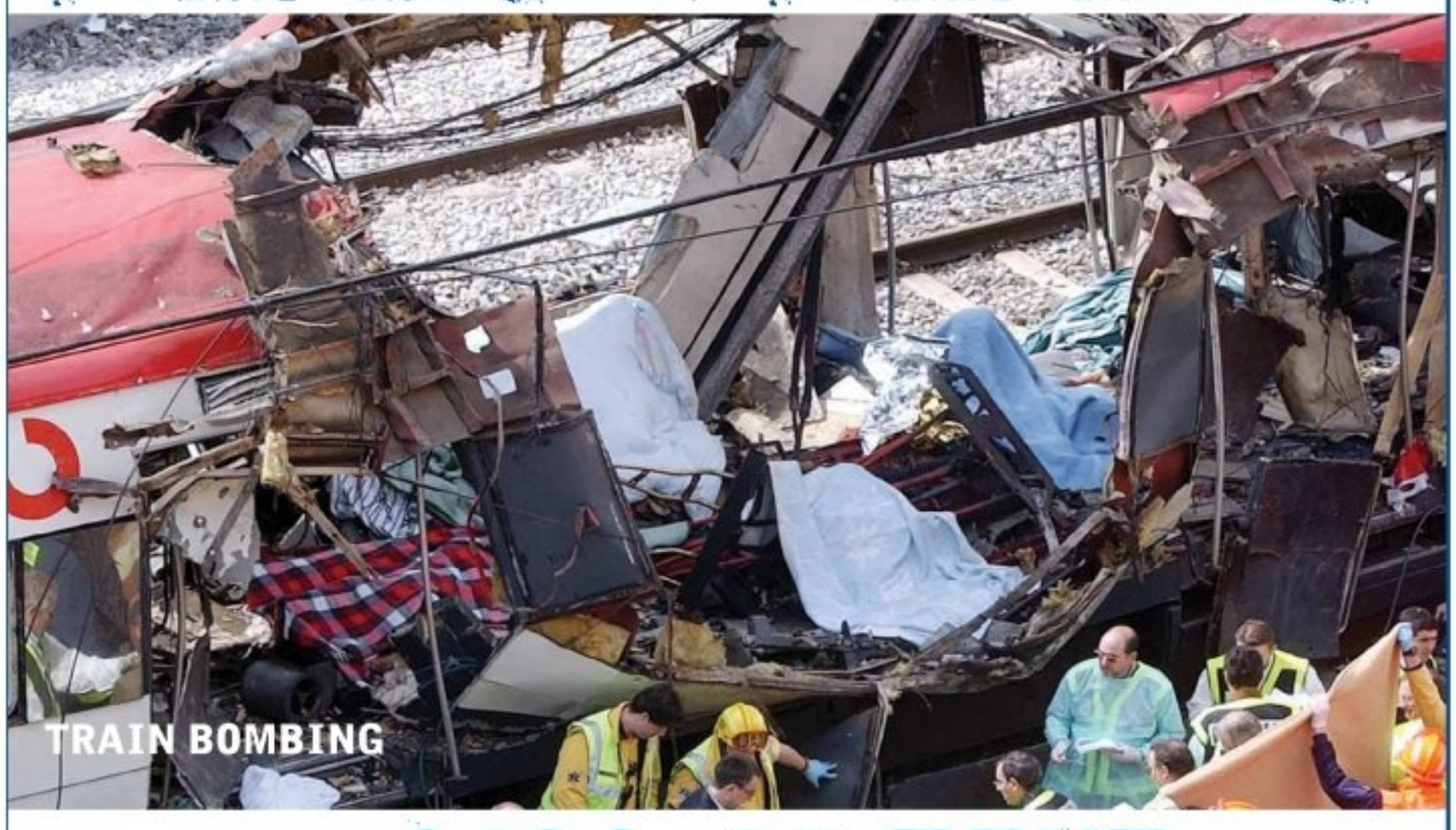
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Out of battle, into the boardroom: Warfighters work

Philly-based program helps veterans land jobs in finance Wall St. banks on soldiers' moral compass

PHOTOS: CARL DAVIS

LPGA star Cristie Kerr played golf with 50 soldiers Monday at Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J., just across the river from Wall Street. The event raised $15,000 for Wall Street Warfighters.

In the heart of a battle in Iraq, Rob Milmore came racing around a corner and plunged 35 feet into a well. He broke his wrist, fractured three vertebrae and dislocated his hip. Listen to him tell the story and you'd think he stubbed a toe.

He recuperated in Iraq and within weeks was back in action.

Milmore, who left the Army in the fall of 2011, carries quite a résumé. He's a West Point graduate, was an instructor at the U.S. Army Ranger School and is ready for a career, like so many other 20-somethings. A relatively new program, Wall Street Warfighters, is helping Milmore and other service disabled veterans land a job in the financial sector.

"These soldiers are simply unflappable. The pressure of very high stakes decision-making is nothing new to them." HADDOCK

Milmore hopes to have a job in private wealth management or trading this summer.

"I've had unprecedented access to these firms," said Milmore, 29, noting that the introductions made through the program carry added weight.

Since Wall Street Warfighters launched late in 2008, there have been 36 soldiers enrolled as students, and all have received a job offer at the end.

Wall Street Warfighters Executive Director Katie Haddock, a retired Marine, was the press secretary to former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Pace. Does she think a stronger military presence will help the financial industry, particularly since that sector has struggled with public image in recent years?

"Any organization benefits from the integrity and straightforward, honest approach," Haddock said. "Sure, we obey, but we have an absolute obligation to disobey any order we believe to be illegal or immoral. … These soldiers are simply unflappable. The pressure of very high stakes decision-making is nothing new to them."

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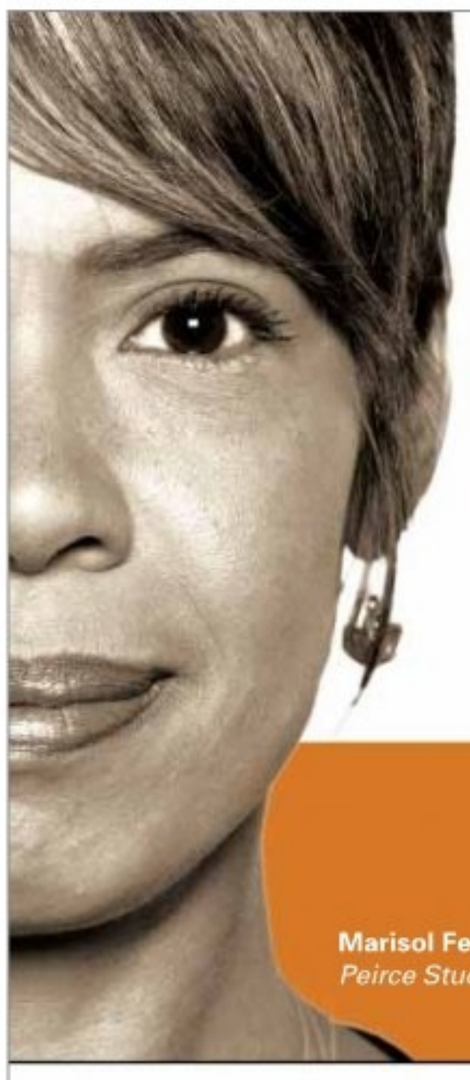
War to Wharton

Wall Street Warfighters, such as Milmore, (pictured), live in Philadelphia for six months as part of the program:

1. **Training:** As part of their training, they'll earn Series 7 and 66 licenses, required for many jobs in the financial sector, specifically in securities.
2. **Education:** They are enrolled in executive education courses at Wharton School in Philadelphia.
3. **Face time:** Soldiers visit offices and get key face time at top firms on Wall Street and across the nation.



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Mother held in twins' slayings

No bail for former nurse charged with suffocating kids She also allegedly tried poisoning other child

The woman accused of murdering her twin babies last week is being held without bail.

Stacey Newkirk-Smalls, 41, was arraigned over the weekend after being released from the hospital. She is charged with the murder of her 1-year-old twins and the attempted murder of her 4-year-old daughter. She is also being charged with aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child and reckless endangerment.

Smalls' first court date is a preliminary hearing scheduled for June 13.

Ronald Smalls came home last Thursday and discovered his wife, Stacey Smalls, who had tried to slit her wrists. Their twins, Adam and Eve Smalls, were pronounced dead at the scene, and their 4-year-old daughter had been given some kind of narcotic. Police

▶ Smalls

still have not released a motive in the killings, but sources have said Smalls and her husband were having marital problems and the murders were an attempt to get back at him.

On Stacey Small's Facebook page, she changed her profile picture May 19 to an image of a car that she downloaded from the Internet. Words sprayed across the side of the car read: "Hope she was worth it." When one friend asked about the image, Stacey replied: "I liked her style. Friend Ronald Smalls and check out what I wrote on his page."

Also on her Facebook page, she had recently changed her relationship status from married to divorced. One of the links on the page says "I love being a mom."

Smalls was a nurse at River's Edge Nursing Home on State Road, while Ronald Smalls worked as a corrections officer, according to reports. Neighbors and co-workers were shocked by the news.

"She said, 'Hey, it's a good day.' That's all," co-worker Tina Brown told 6ABC about her encounter with Stacey Smalls at work Thursday morning. "She said, 'Hi Tina, have a good day at work' and she left. She didn't seem stressed out or anything like that."

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Heat. Early dismissal

▶ A young woman took off her boots yesterday to enjoy the fountain at Love Park in Center City.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Take off your shoes and stay awhile

Philadelphia School District students were let out early yesterday due to high temperatures. Classes dismissed at 1:30 p.m. due to the heat and humidity, which is expected to break up after thunderstorms sweep through the region today, according to the National Weather Service. Temperatures should remain in the high 70s and low 80s into the weekend. METRO

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Facebook drops to new low, shedding $25 billion in value

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▶ Facebook stock dipped below $30 yesterday for the first time.

Facebook shares slid below $29 to a new low yesterday as nervous investors fled the company's shares, concerned about the social network's long-term business prospects and an initial offering price that proved too rich.

Shares of the No. 1 social network fell 10 percent to an all-time low of $28.65, before recovering slightly to $29.01. Since its market debut on May 18, the 8-year-old company has shed approximately $25 billion in value — roughly equivalent to the market capitalization of Morgan Stanley, the lead underwriter of Facebook's IPO.

Wall Street has harbored concerns that Facebook, while boasting nearly a billion users and dominating Internet social-networking, would have difficulty translating its growing presence on smartphones and other mobile devices into revenue. Rivals Google and Apple Inc. are currently more dominant in the mobile arena.

$45

Facebook shares climbed as high as $45 on May 18, when the shares ended the day with a price-earnings ratio of 83.1

"Facebook is in a transition in their business model," Walter Price, of Wells Fargo said. "It was easy to get the first 5 to 10 percent of an advertising budget to try it on Facebook and do some brand advertising, but getting the next 5 to 10 percent, you've got to displace TV and that's a lot more difficult to do.

The IPO produced the worst five-day return among the 10 largest U.S. deals of the past decade. **REUTERS**

Zuckerberg doesn't tip while eating in Rome

He's a multibillionaire, but Mark Zuckerberg has come under fire for his less-than-hospitable

patronage at some restaurants he's visited during his honeymoon. Wait staff at an Italian eatery report that Zuckerberg stiffed them, leaving no tip at all.

Zuckerberg has been traipsing through Italy with new bride Priscilla Chan, trying to fly below the radar as they see the country's tourist sites. However, that proved to be an impossible feat after a tourist spotted the starry-eyed couple gazing up at the Sistine Chapel and tweeted a photo of them. **METRO**

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Opera seen as Facebook fit — but no 'for sale' sign

OSLO. Facebook is under pressure to make money from the increasing number of users who access the social networking site from mobiles, making Norway's Opera a good fit for it, bankers familiar with the technology industry said.

Shares in the mobile browser maker soared by as much as 26 percent on yesterday. Tech blogs reported recently that it was in the sights of Facebook, and while bankers said the company had long been up for sale informally, Opera ruled out interest from the likes of Facebook rivals Google and Yahoo. **REUTERS**

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Mixed message on economy

NEW YORK. U.S. home prices edged higher for the second month in a row in March as the housing recovery picked up traction, while gains in some of the hardest-hit areas suggested the improvement was becoming more broad-based.

But consumer confidence cooled in May to its lowest level in four months, separate data showed yesterday. **REUTERS**

"We are showing signs of breaking out, but these are the signs we saw in previous years that fizzled."
ROBERT SHILLER, YALE ECONOMICS PROFESSOR

IRS: Many rich pay no tax

According to new report, number of high-income earners escaping the tax burden is up • Important as president battles to pass the Buffett rule

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▶ Paying taxes is so passe.

The percentage of U.S. taxpayers reporting adjusted gross income exceeding $200,000 who paid no U.S. income taxes increased in 2009 to 0.53 percent from 0.51 percent, meaning that one in 189 high-earners avoided taxation, an Internal Revenue Service study found.

The filers reported tax-exempt interest along with deductible charitable contributions, medical expenses and other items to reduce their taxable income. Some avoid the alternative minimum tax, which was created in 1969 in response to a report that 155 people earned $200,000 and paid nothing in taxes.

"High-income returns are more often nontaxable as a result of a combination of reasons — none of which, by itself, would result in nontaxability," the IRS wrote in a report.

The annual report comes amid a debate over the fairness of the U.S. tax code and particularly how it applies to those at the top of the income scale. President Barack Obama has proposed the so-called Buffett rule that would impose a 30 percent minimum tax on high-earners; a congressional proposal implementing the rule set the threshold for the 30 percent tax at $2 million.

The number of high-income households paying no taxes is an indicator of the low rates paid by many high earners, said Matt Gardner, executive director of the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. "When high-income people find ways to avoid paying any income tax at all, they're frequently doing so through tax breaks that some members of Congress and President Obama have sensibly sought to reform," he said. **BLOOMBERG**

10,080
Number of households with adjusted gross income of at least $200,000 annually, or 0.26 percent of high earners, who paid no income taxes in the U.S. or to other countries

35,061
The IRS uses two definitions of income and two of taxation. Using an expanded concept of income that includes some nontaxable items and looking only at U.S. income taxes, there were 35,061 households, or 0.88 percent, that paid nothing.

Programmer pleads to stealing Fed software

NEW YORK. A Chinese computer programmer pleaded guilty yesterday to stealing software code from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Bo Zhang, 33, was accused of illegally copying the software code to an external hard drive, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. The charge was made public on January 18. Authorities said the software, owned by the U.S. Treasury Department, cost about $9.5 million to develop.

"I knowingly stole and converted to my use an item owned by the United States government valued at more than $1,000," Zhang told U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Dolinger yesterday. **REUTERS**

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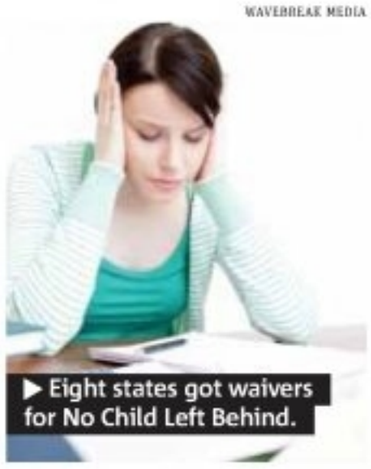

▶ Eight states got waivers for No Child Left Behind.

President Barack Obama freed eight states from provisions of the No Child Left Behind education-testing law after they pledged to turn around low-performing schools and tie teacher evaluations to student achievement.

Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Rhode Island received waivers from the law, enacted under former President George W. Bush. In all, 19 states have now have been granted permission to sidestep the statute in exchange for agreeing to elements of the Obama administration's education agenda.

Obama has pledged to change the 10-year-old No Child Left Behind Law, saying its focus on standardized testing dumbs down teaching, narrows school curriculums and labels even high-achieving schools as failing. Republicans — including John Kline, chairman of the House education committee — have said Congress, not the administration, should change the law.

"States must show they are protecting children in order to get flexibility," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement. "These states met that bar."

The states getting waivers would be exempt from the requirement that all students pass achievement tests by 2014 — and make progress toward that goal each year — or risk losing federal funding. Under No Child Left Behind, each state establishes its own proficiency tests and determines what constitutes passing.

Almost half of U.S. public schools are considered failing under the federal No Child Left Behind law, according to a report in December by the Center on Education Policy, a Washington-based nonpartisan research group.

Obama previously excused 11 other states from the law: Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico Oklahoma and Tennessee. **BLOOMBERG**

Europe. Damage

▶ Officials said seven people were missing, trapped under rubble after an earthquake hit in northern Italy yesterday.

PIERRE TEYSSOT/AFP/GETTYIMAGES

Deadly earthquakes strike Italy

An earthquake killed at least 15 people in northern Italy yesterday, damaging buildings and spreading fear among thousands of residents living in tents after a similarly strong tremor in the same region flattened their homes nine days ago. REUTERS

West expels envoys after Syrian bloodshed

BEIRUT. Western powers expelled Syria's envoys yesterday in outrage at a massacre of 108 people, almost half of them children, and peace envoy Kofi Annan urged President Bashar al-Assad to take bold steps to halt the bloodshed as "a tipping point" had been reached.

The killings in the town of Houla drew a chorus of condemnation from around the world, with the United Nations saying entire families were killed in their homes on Friday.

The United States, France, Britain, Canada, Germany, Italy, Spain, Australia and Bulgaria gave Syria's envoys hours or days to leave their capitals in a coordinated move meant to isolate Assad further diplomatically. **REUTERS**

"Bashar al-Assad is the murderer of his people."

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THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

First time we ever saw this side of Erykah Badu

WAYNE COYNE/TWITTER

▶ A picture is worth 140 characters: This is one of the more publishable photos that Coyne posted.

Flaming Lips frontman **Wayne Coyne** can always be counted on to fulfill a few basic rock 'n' roll needs: providing drastic psychedelic reinterpretations of songs you thought you already knew; teaming up with left-field collaborators that might not make sense on paper, but sound awesome in practice; and tweeting the odd nude photo of himself, somebody he knows or somebody that you know.

Yesterday, Coyne got a hat trick when he tweeted nude photos of **Erykah Badu**, with whom he was shooting a video for a 10-minute cover she did with the Lips of a song that Roberta Flack made famous, "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face."

The photos showed Badu bathing in glitter, covered in blood and generally seeming like a perfect foil to Coyne's weirdness.

God bless the Flaming Lips!

— Pat Healy

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Ben Stiller enjoys filming in NYC, Alec Baldwin has some truly wonderful advice, Mark Ruffalo is a fan of solar power and Patton Oswalt is thankful.

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Waiting to smash a car on 52nd street.

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@pattonoswalt
For discovering all those murder victims over the years -- thank you, hikers.

Ruffalo

Paris Hilton looking to infiltrate

We feared **Paris Hilton** was up to something when the original Famous Blonde Who is Famous started popping up on red carpets this spring. And yes, it seems she was in it for more than the gift bags: Hilton has been in the studio with **Flo Rida**, **LMFAO** and **David Guetta** working on an album that's due this summer, reports Radar Online. "Paris is hoping to appeal to a broader fan base and would love to use the album as a platform for a possible project with MTV," says a source. "Yes, Paris is very successful, and she is about to release her 15th fragrance, but that isn't enough for her."

When Paris Hilton begins to question the meaning of life, no one wins.

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▶ Hilton

Madonna's expressing something

While rehearsing her hit "Express Yourself" for a concert in Tel Aviv over the weekend, **Madonna** mixed things up a little and transitioned eerily, hilariously smoothly into **Lady Gaga**'s "Born This Way."

Like everyone else, Madonna flagged Gaga's song for sounding like a knockoff when it was released, calling it "reductive" and a "wonderful redo" of "Express Yourself."

We're not sure what to think here: Playful peace offering acknowledging that there's room for two, or is this Madonna's severed unicorn head?

Talking points

More trouble for Amanda Bynes?

It's just now coming to light that **Amanda Bynes** may have been involved in a third hit-and-run incident in April — just four days after her arrest for driving under the influence following her hitting a police car, according to TMZ. A woman says a BMW slammed into her car on the 101 freeway on April 10, then sped off. The woman was only able to get the license plate number, which police traced to a rental car that had been hired by Bynes. The woman identified Bynes as the driver using her mug shot from her recent arrest. Bynes is sticking up for herself, though, taking to Twitter to write, "I cant help but laugh at all of you writing fake stories about me. I was not in any hit and runs. I don't drink so the DUI is false." Bynes was also accused of hitting another car earlier this month, though she told police she didn't feel anything and she was not issued a ticket.

Biel on marriage, baby cakes

Jessica Biel admits she isn't expecting a whole new life once she marries Justin Timberlake. "To me, nothing will really change, because I'm almost never home," she tells Gala magazine. "But when I am home, I enjoy cooking. I especially love making cupcakes." Biel also describes herself as "someone who lets things happen naturally," so don't expect a baby right away for the famous couple. "For me, getting married doesn't mean we should limit ourselves to some predefined idea," she says.

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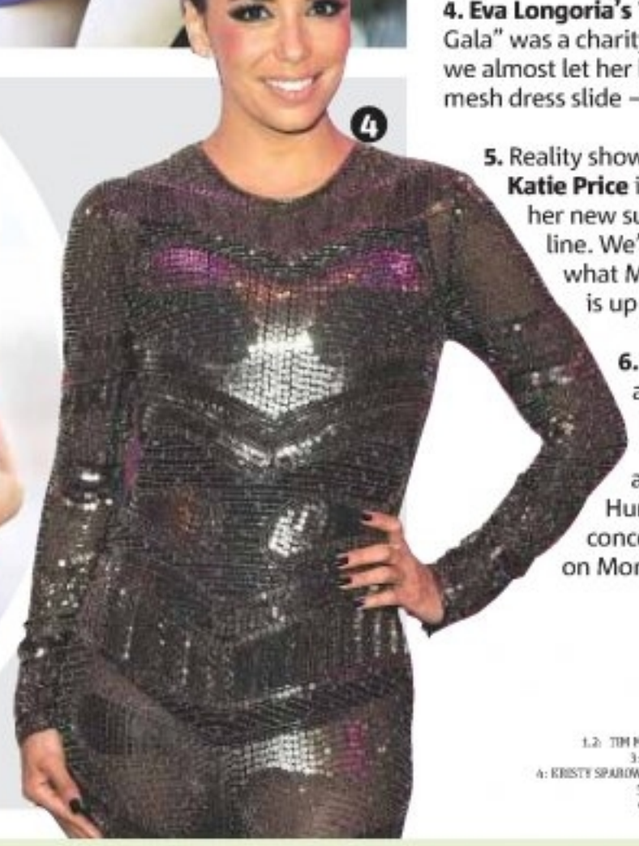
▶ Biel

Summer festivals and less-hot lingerie

1. Actor and sometimes singer **John Reilly** was onstage at the Sasquatch! Music Festival in George, Wash., on Monday.

2. Also rocking some summer festival gear at Sasquatch!: **Feist**.

3. Indy 500 champ **Dario Franchitti** and wife **Ashley Judd** celebrated with their pups at Monday's press event.



4. Eva Longoria's "Global Gift Gala" was a charity fundraiser, so we almost let her bedazzled mesh dress slide — almost.

5. Reality show creature **Katie Price** is promoting her new summer lingerie line. We're not sure what Mr. Jersey Shore is up to.

6. Boy George and **Dionne Warwick** hugged it out at the World Hunger Day concert in London on Monday.

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Music

All that 'Heaven' will allow

Hamilton Leithauser needs a jump-start. The singer for the Walkmen says his Ford Escape is an otherwise reliable car, but he left his hazards on while visiting a friend and the battery died. But if "Heaven" — the brand new Walkmen album, out this week — does as well as it seems like it was designed to do, he might not have to be concerned about his Ford for much longer.

"I'm waiting for a Bentley on this one," says the singer with a laugh.

His good humor is likely because within the first decade of the band's existence, mainstream success has never presented itself — or even seemed to have been a goal for the Walkmen. Beginning as a buzz band that appeared to be unwillingly lumped in with NYC's leather-clad class of 2002, the band has persevered and watched their cult of believers steadily expand with each of their six original releases. Each effort has displayed a growing sophistication in songwriting and an approach to recording that showcases both an appreciation for classic 1950s sounds and

ARNO FRUCIER

▶ The Walkmen are, from left, Paul Maroon, Walter Martin, Peter Bauer, Matt Barrick and Leithauser. As for the guy sitting on the couch, that's Otis Bauer, son of Peter. He isn't performing live with the band, not yet at least. Visit us online for the full interview with Leithauser.

"We were happy to make a big record, which is not something we always want to do."
LEITHAUSER

an unadulterated love of punk rock. But with "Heaven," the band seems to be reaching for something that could even lead to Leithauser buying a rock star car.

"I think we were happy to make a big record, which is not something we always want to do," says the singer. "By 'big' I mean that I hope it's accessible and I hope that people will like it, but I mean more that it's got big songs and big dynamics."

But Leithauser says that was not the initial plan. When the band tapped Phil Ek to produce, they had in mind the quiet woven harmonies he had brought out in Fleet Foxes.

"Every time we've tried to plan, it just ends up pigeonholing us," says Leithauser.

To be sure though, there are a few quiet songs on "Heaven," more delicate than anything they have ever done before. And all throughout the album, Leithauser sings explicitly about love, which is also new for the band. His role model: Frank Sinatra.

"The sound and the way that he cared was pretty inspiring," he says. "I listened to a lot of his stuff while I was writing this."

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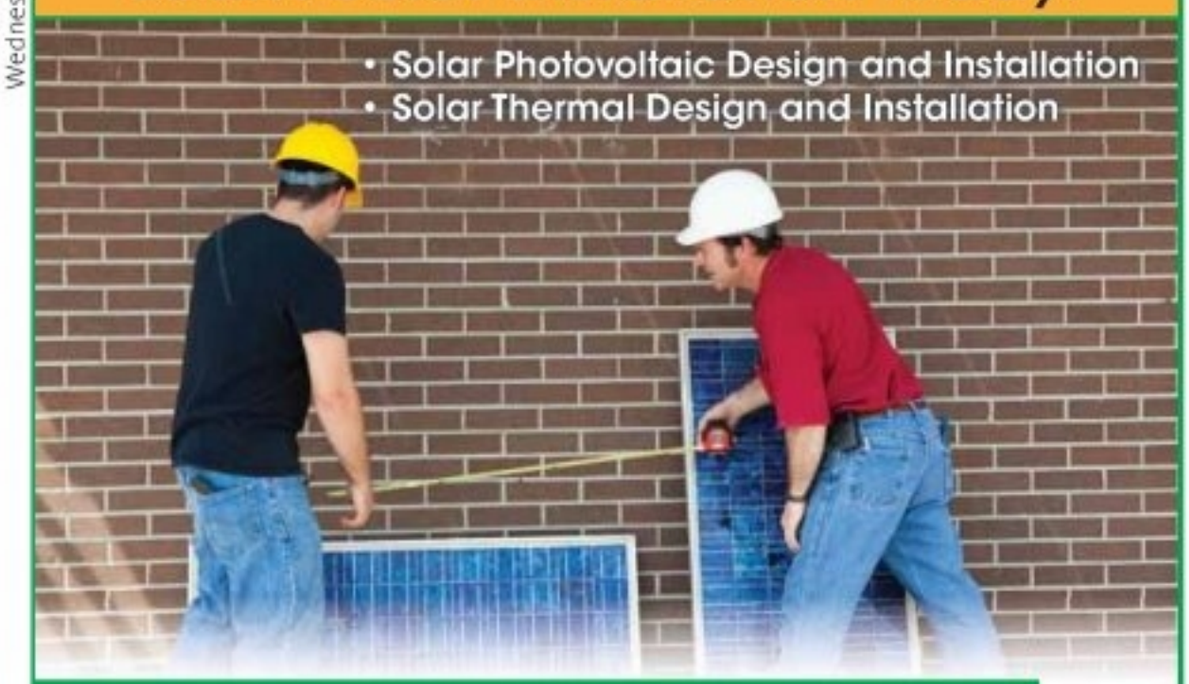

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▶ Canine expert Justin Silver hosts "Dogs in the City."

'Dogs in the City'

REALITY. Manhattan-based dog guru Justin Silver solves relationship issues between city folk and their canines. Does issue No. 1 stem from living in an apartment the size of a shoebox?
Series premiere, 8 p.m., CBS

'Melissa & Joey'

COMEDY. The comedy about a local politician (Melissa Joan Hart) and the manny she hires (Joey Lawrence) to look after the niece and nephew she's become responsible for returns with more adorable bickering between the two '90s heartthrobs.
Season premiere, 8 p.m., ABC Family

Stanley Cup Finals

SPORTS. The NHL postseason started April 12, which means it'll look like the world's elite hockey players have been replaced by burly lumberjacks when the New Jersey Devils and Los Angeles Kings — sporting seven weeks of "playoff beard" growth out of tradition and/or superstition — face off for Lord Stanley's Cup. **8 p.m., NBC**

'America's Top Model: British Invasion'

REALITY. The finalists work a catwalk that features 3-D versions of themselves. Does this mean a hologram might win the title? **Season finale, 9 p.m., The CW** ● AMBER RAY

▶ Kent's "Godspeed" is included in the Art Museum's new exhibition.

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Art Museum's new show features Rockwell Kent illustrations

Though hardly a household name today, Rockwell Kent was famous in his day as an artist, activist and world traveler. The Philadelphia Museum of Art's new show, "Rockwell Kent - Voyager," explores his work as a printmaker and illustrator spanning the first half of the 20th century.

The show features more than 100 works on paper, supplemented with some fascinating ephemera highlighting Kent's methods and popularity, from a lithographic stone self-portrait to a Sherwin-Williams paint sampler and a dinner plate emblazoned with Kent's recognizable designs.

"Focusing on his prints and drawings rather than paintings really highlights Kent's abilities as a draftsman and the bold aesthetic that he was able to develop," says Brooks Rich, the exhibition's curator. "You can see his sleek lines and bold black-and-white style develop through striking images of human figures trying to figure out their place in the universe."

That theme is consistent throughout Kent's work, from his travel narratives capturing his treks through Alaska, Greenland and Tierra del Fuego through his renowned illustrations for classic books like "Moby-Dick" and into his advertising work. Some of the show's most memorable images are culled from a campaign for luxury yachts which never actually depict the products themselves. "We're used to perfume and clothing ads that promote a hip lifestyle instead of the product that they're meant to sell," Rich points out. "But that was something that people had really never seen before in the 1930s."

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Rebecca Taylor girls

The designer expands her brand with a collection for little fashionistas in the making Don't expect any grownup skinny jeans in this line

Rebecca Taylor, our go-to designer for pretty, feminine ensembles perfect for first dates, anniversaries and meet-the-parents moments, just launched a line for another important part of a woman's life: raising kids. We talk to the designer about keeping kids looking like, well, kids and the new, tougher image of her main line.

Why did you decide to launch a children's line?
I've got two daughters — twins — and they're always wanting to put my clothes on. They are always walking around in my Louboutins. It's so funny how girls are very focused early on what they want to wear. And a lot of people have said, 'Why don't you do kids?' because I think our prints naturally translate into cute little dresses.

Nowadays kids wear skinny jeans. But your silhouettes have an innocent charm to them. Was that a conscious decision?
I think when girls are young they should be dressed like little girls. My girls have only had their haircut once in their life, and it was the tiniest trim. I'm not crazy about little kids looking like adults. I don't like when they wear clothes that are too forward, like mesh tanks and black pants.

You're a Park Slope mom. What trends have you noticed?
That place is crazy with children. I think Crocs are finally making their way out. All the kids are wearing these little glitter TOMS. They have pink glitter, purple glitter, silver glitter — really, really cute.

Are there any kids trends that make you cringe?
A lot of kids are dying their hair now. Maybe I'm old-fashioned. I actually quite like it but I think there's something they have to wait for. You gotta have something to aspire to.

You're growing your business with new stores all over the country. How do you balance work with being a mom?
It's nuts. You have to make your kids a priority, like, "All right, it's a quarter to 6, I'll be home by 6:30, kids go to bed at 7." You have to be very rigid, very scheduled, and very productive when you're at the office. Before I had kids, I'd sit around chatting and go out for lunches — but now when you're at the office you're very focused and then you split.

Your main line had a tougher feeling for fall. Are you going to continue in that direction?
Absolutely. It comes from a very genuine space. I'm sort of a tomboy. I'm not a high heels wearing, dressy kind of girl. I wanted the collection to sort of come back to its roots, like little dresses with motorcycle jackets and ankle booties. That's sort of my vibe. For spring it's a little prettier but more in a way that you have this old vintage shirt that your parents picked up in Paris and you're wearing it with your jean jacket and your little leather skirt.

REBECCA TAYLOR

▶ "When girls are young, they should be dressed like little girls," says Taylor about her new line of sweet dresses for daughters.

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Sony's new portable powerhouse hasn't exactly been selling like hotcakes. The reason is as old as gaming itself — there aren't that many cool and exclusive titles. Don't worry, Vita fans. This is about to change in a big way. The games the system was made for are coming. Look! Here's two now:

'Resistance: Burning Skies'
Console: Vita
Company: Sony
Grade: ●●●●◐
Because of the dual analog sticks, Vita is the first portable system in history to be able to accurately recreate the "feel" of console-based first-person shooters. Aim with one stick and move with the other. "Resistance" is the first big FPS franchise to take advantage of the control scheme, and it's a doozy.

▶ "Gravity Rush" lets you defy physics.

▶ "Resistance" isn't futile.

It's all here. The single-player campaign, online multiplayer and room for downloadable content. Everything looks and plays great. It's almost the "Resistance" you know, complete with bloodthirsty aliens and that great 1950s aesthetic. The only problem? The single-player campaign is pretty short. Oh well, just blow up some random bozos online.

'Gravity Rush'
Console: Vita
Company: Sony
Grade: ●●●●◐
One thing Nintendo does well with its portables is create games that can only possibly be played on its systems. Up until now, Vita has sorely lacked in that department. "Gravity Rush" was made from the ground up to take advantage of the system's strengths. At its heart, "Rush" is an open-world sandbox game sort of like "Grand Theft Auto." What it lacks in hooker killing, though, it makes up for with a fantastic new game mechanic. You get around by controlling gravity. Combat can be a pain to master, but everything else controls like butter. Newton is gonna be pissed.

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Protect your skin at any age

About 75,000 Americans will get melanoma this year, says the American Cancer Society. Are you doing enough to protect yourself?

We spoke with Dr. Jessica Krant, a board-certified dermatologist in New York, to get advice on how you can prevent skin cancer at any age.

If you're in your 20s:

- **Skip the tanning bed.** Young ladies into fake-baking are especially at risk. "Melanoma is the most common form of cancer among [women] aged 25 to 29," Dr. Krant says.
- **Protect yourself.** Choose a moisturizer with SPF 30 or higher, and slather it on your face, ears, neck and chest daily.
- **Don't forget your diet.** "Eat a well-balanced diet full of brightly colored fruits and dark green, leafy veggies — these are your natural cancer- and wrinkle-fighters," she says.

If you're in your 30s:

- **Get screened annually.** "The 30s is when sun damage starts to show itself more," says Dr. Krant.
- **Up your sunscreen for those beach days.** "Wear SPF 50 or higher when prolonged sun exposure is expected, with enough broad spectrum protection to cover the damage caused by UVA rays since it's the UVA that is more linked to aging and sun spots."

If you're 40 or older:

- **Pick up anti-aging products.** "Topical retinoids not only fight wrinkles, but also help regulate cell turnover to prevent damage leading to skin cancer," she says.
- **Schedule more screenings.** If you've already been hit with skin cancer, Dr. Krant recommends you get screened twice per year. "Early detection counts for a lot."

Dr. Krant recommends lathering up a shot glass's worth of sunscreen (at least SPF 30) 15 minutes before you head out.

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Responsibility for ourselves outdated?

RE: "NANNY STATE TEACHES US HOW TO GET KILLED": Legislation designed to "protect" people from themselves often creates moral hazard and a lack of individual responsibility. When ex-NFL players have concussion-related injuries later in life it is not the fault of the player who recklessly threw his body around the field. Instead, it is the fault of the NFL. I played football and baseball in high school and received concussions in both sports from my reckless style of play. I won't be asking for a handout if my injuries come back to haunt me. I chose to play those sports in that manner. Nobody forced me — and on top of that, I wasn't getting paid millions! People should be responsible for their own actions. **KELLY DONNOE, VIA E-MAIL**

Frank St. George manages to undercut a decent argument by his usual "unconstitutional federal law" trope, which a careful reading of Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 rather conclusively disproves. Vehicular deaths in the U.S. haven't diminished in recent years, but that's hardly because of any given law from any level of government. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

Right, Mr. St. George, motorcycle helmets cause deaths. Except according to the Center for Disease Control, which concluded that states that have helmet laws have considerably lower per-capita fatality rates from motorcycle accidents. I suppose condoms don't prevent pregnancy or STDs, either. You know, Metro, instead of always making it look like only Republicans are delusional, you really should print more letters that illustrate the delusional nature of Democrats, like that time that one guy said …. um … Or that other one when … No, that didn't happen either. **SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL**

War is the best way to spread peace?

Romney just said: "A strong America is the best way to keep the peace." Someone tell that idiot we've been at war for 10 years because we were the only superpower. The Project for The New American Century decided we should bully the world while no one could stop us. **CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL**

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Discrimination of singles unhealthy

RE: "IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, DON'T DO IT": Whoa whoa, before Daniel Jelke goes and makes divorce illegal on the basis of a Wanda Sykes bit, let's analyze why we are even having this debate. The problem stems from putting people into various groups, and then giving those groups benefits from the government. We should not be favoring any group of people over another, and we should especially not be giving out certain benefits to married people over single people. It's social engineering when you create an incentive to enter into a contract with another, and it has unintended consequences. **HANS HAUGEN, VIA E-MAIL**

For the veterans, let's stop fighting

I humbly suggest that in honor of the veterans who died in combat, we decide to stop warring. **SHIFRA FREEWOMAN, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Attend to all your responsibilities first thing – that way the boss might not mind too much if you take a longer break in the afternoon or even leave a bit early for an appointment.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Avoid an inclination to make a mountain out of any minor mishap that might occur today. It's only when we blow things totally out of proportion that they become a real problem.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** When there is something of material wealth at stake that you hope to acquire, you're likely to find the way to do so by making and following a detailed plan.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Even if you believe a certain objective is easily attainable, don't assume it's a foregone conclusion. There may be a surprise or two, so you should keep your ideas flexible.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** It's kind to give to those in need, but remember, charity should first begin at home — or at least within your intimate circle of good friends. Help those you personally know before aiding strangers.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Accept others for who they are and not for what you hope to get out of them. If you want support for something important, deal with people realistically and sincerely.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you want to have harmonious relationships with your colleagues, don't attempt to take all the credit for things that others helped play a role in bringing about. Share the limelight.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although your plans might be feasible, unless you delegate their implementation to skilled and reliable parties, success could be in question.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It's much smarter to check things out for yourself, rather than believe what another says, when you have to know the absolute facts. Don't take any chances.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Teaming up with another for a common cause might hold a special appeal to you. However, if it proves to be taking you nowhere, don't hesitate to split up and go it alone.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It's generally a mistake to allow petty politics to become an issue among friends. As a result, you or the person you are endorsing could turn out to be very unpopular.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your financial indicator could run from high to low and back again. Try to keep a cool head and you'll end up on the right side of the ledger.

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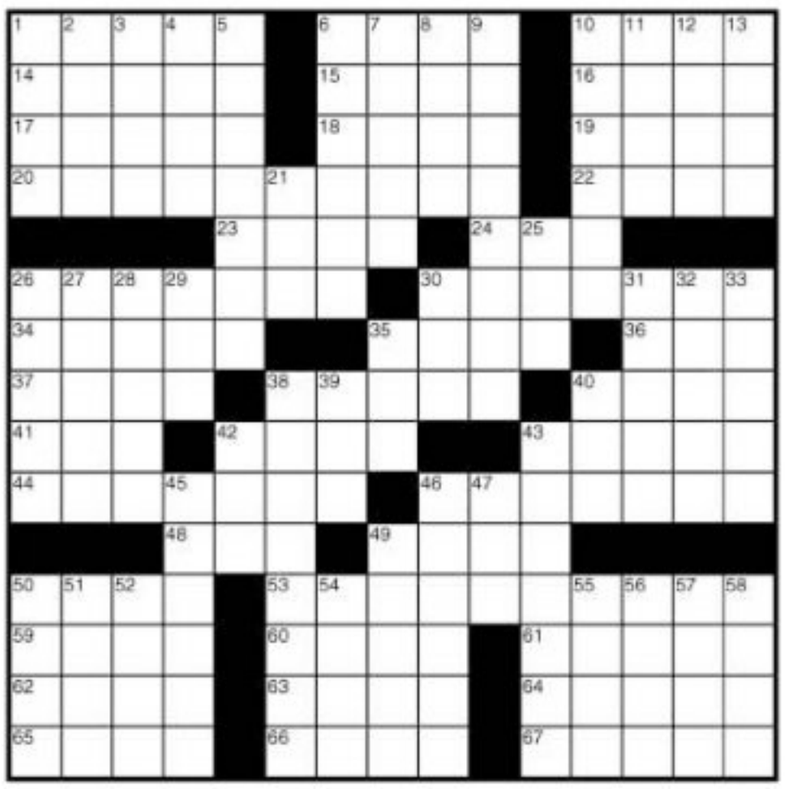

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Doctor, give me the news: Halladay out 6 to 8 weeks

Phillies place staff ace on 15-day DL with lat strain Doc's first stint on injury list since 2009 Who takes No. 5 spot in starting rotation?

Another Phillie bites the dust.

The team placed Roy Halladay on the 15-day disabled list yesterday with a right latissimus dorsi strain. The move is retroactive to May 28.

Halladay is expected to miss six to eight weeks, and he won't resume baseball-related activities for three weeks, according to GM Ruben Amaro Jr.

"When you miss somebody like Halladay and the guys we have out, your team really misses them ... but there is nothing you can do until they get healthy and come back, so what are you going to do?," skipper Charlie Manuel said.

Halladay (4-5, 3.98 ERA) left last Sunday's start after two innings due to a sore right shoulder. The right-hander said he first started feeling discomfort in his previous start against Washington.

Halladay hasn't been to the DL since suffering a groin injury in 2009. In 2004, he made two DL stints with a nagging shoulder injury.

Erik Kratz was recalled from Triple-A Lehigh to fill his spot. Kratz, 31, is hitting .250 with one homer in four games for the Phillies this season.

Halladay was scheduled to pitch Saturday against Miami, but they haven't named a replacement yet. METRO

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▶ Roy Halladay was pulled from his last start after just two innings. He is 4-5 with a 3.98 ERA so far this season.

Replacing Roy

With Halladay out for 6-8 weeks, the Phils are in need of a No. 5 starter. Here are the leading candidates:

- **Roy Oswalt:** Phils scouted him, but MLB.com reported yesterday that Little Roy had a deal in place with Texas.
- **Scott Elarton:** Hasn't pitched in the bigs since 2008, but holding 5-1 record with an 2.98 ERA in Triple-A.
- **Dave Bush:** Hometown kid is perfect spot starter, but how many spots can he fill?
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Castillo, Eagles excited about talent on defense

Coach enjoying first full offseason as defensive coordinator ◗ Praises work ethic of rookie class ◗ Competition, position battles off the charts

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For Juan Castillo, that first week of OTAs was invaluable. The Eagles' second-year defensive coordinator spent much of last season under the microscope. Now, with a full offseason to work with, Castillo is brimming with confidence.

"We're practicing. We're allowed to have our guys here. We didn't have that last year," he said. "There's going to be a lot of competition and you can already tell they're having a lot of fun on the field."

Andy Reid's OTAs are a glorified passing camp, so offensive players usually reap the rewards. But, after the Eagles took defensive players with four of their first five picks in April's draft, Castillo has been able to focus in on specific areas, especially the new guys. He said they spent the entire first week working on one coverage. The defense kept the same coverage each day, while the offense switched up its personnel.

"It's a teaching progression," Castillo said. "What you end up finding out is that everything has a weakness, everything has a strength, and the players are starting to understand that about the coverage."

Of course, everyone is buzzing about the rookies. Fletcher Cox, a defensive tackle/speed end hybrid, is the most talked about. Castillo said he'll start the season at tackle, but don't be surprised to see him line up on the outside at times. Castillo also had glowing early reviews for Mychal Kendricks, Vinny Curry and Brandon Boykin.

"The thing is, if they're good enough, they're going to play," Castillo said. "From what we've seen, those guys are pretty good — all four of them look like they're going to be able to help us in one way or another so we're kind of excited about that."

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▶ Fletcher Cox poses for the cameras last week at OTAs. The Eagles took the hybrid pass-rusher with the 12th overall pick.

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Dolphins tabbed for reality show

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Lights, cameras, Dolphins.

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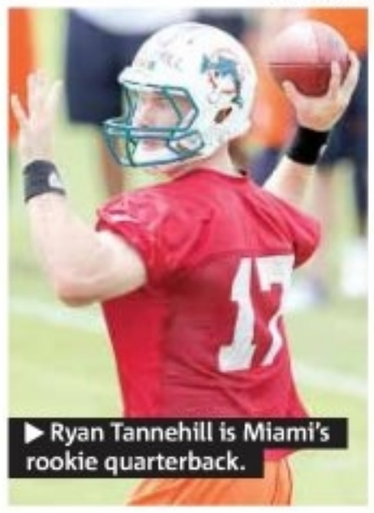
According to reports, both the New York Jets and Atlanta Falcons turned down the opportunity. Miami will enter the season with a rookie head coach and a rookie quarterback expected to compete for a starting job. It's also the 40th anniversary of the Dolphins' perfect season. METRO



▶ Ryan Tannehill is Miami's rookie quarterback.

Tennis. French Open

▶ Serena Williams lost yesterday at Roland Garros.

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Sorry, Miss Williams

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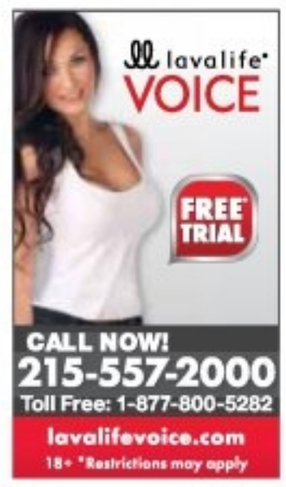

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Many selling points for new Fishtown townhouses

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Those looking for something already built in Fishtown can check out The Nine on Tulip Street. It was finished earlier this month, and there's still one up for grabs. The three-story townhomes comes with green perks like Energy Star appliances and a rainwater recycling system, plus parking and private yards.

▶ Depicted here in an artist's rendering, the Norris Point houses will be ready for occupancy by the end of the summer.

New Norris Point development offers modern perks in the popular, 'high energy level' neighborhood

Developer Eric Fox's new Fishtown townhouses have been on the market two weeks, and two are already under negotiation.

"There's not one specific thing that's the biggest selling point, it's a list," Fox says about attracting buyers. "The modern design, the ability to get a new-construction house, with parking, one block from mass transportation, in a burgeoning neighborhood — all of those add up."

The project is Norris Point, 10 townhouses at Trenton Avenue and Norris Street. Two of the homes face Trenton; the others front Norris. "We're not very imaginative in coming up with names," says Fox, who also built The Nine, nine townhomes a short walk from Norris Point.

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"It's really become the new artists' neighborhood."
ERIC FOX, ON FISHTOWN

Fox spent a few years living in Fishtown and says he likes the neighborhood's "high energy level."

"There's development on all fronts — new residential, new retail geared toward the new residents. And it's really become the new artists' neighborhood," he says.

Norris Point is designed by ISA, the Kensington-based architects behind The Nine and other ultra-modern residences in the area.

The homes are 2,000 square feet with three bedrooms and 2.5 baths, plus high-end construction staples like granite countertops and bamboo floors. Buyers also get roof decks, back patios and parking.

The first four should be ready for occupancy by the end of this summer. Pricing starts around $370,000.

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Into the woods with Karim Rashid

The Danish design company BoConcept looks to the acclaimed designer for its newest housewares collection

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"When I think of Ottawa, Canada, I see many geographical similarities to Denmark," says Egyptian-born, Canada-raised award-winning designer Karim Rashid. He now lives and works out of New York City. "The landscape, trees and rivers are very similar and that's how my new collection called Ottawa came to fruition for the 60-year-old Danish-brand furnishings store BoConcept." Rashid, who was schooled at Ottawa's Carleton University and has more than 3,000 designs in production for everyone from Alessi to Sony to Hugo Boss, just launched a global furniture and accessory line with BoConcept.

The upper-midpriced Ottawa collection was inspired by Rashid's love of nature, yet is far from rustic. Its streamlined, simple forms and exquisite quality makes every piece an instant collectable. "People think that simple, modern furnishings are so easy to design and manufacture; therefore, it should have a low cost attached. Actually, the simpler the piece, the better quality materials and longer production time is needed to ensure everything is perfect," explains the designer. "By embellishing furnishings with fabric skirting, studs, trims and fringes we can hide a not-so-perfect-form. We hide nothing in this collection and it works very well."

Rashid

"The simpler the piece, the better quality materials and longer production time is needed to ensure everything is perfect." RASHID

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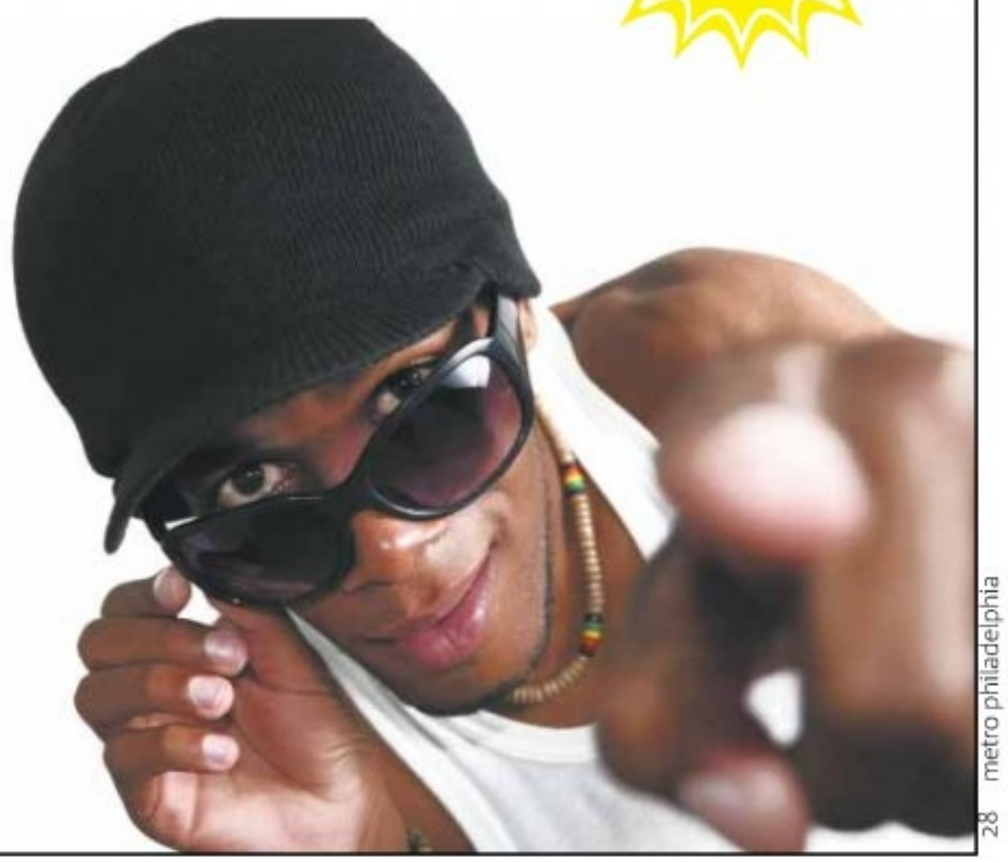

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